

For: State Offices and Service Centers

Conservation Priority Area (CPA) Monitoring and Evaluation Reports

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Approved CPA Report

A**Background**

CRP CPA's target CRP resources to allow States to better address important high-priority environmental issues in a planned and coordinated manner. The cumulative impacts of CRP on water quality, wildlife, and air quality may be significantly greater in CPA's because of the higher importance of the resources with the approved area, the synergistic affects of multiple contracts within the project area, or both.

Beginning with signup 15, each CPA approval required CPA to include a monitoring and evaluation component to document, in a verifiable manner, the effectiveness of CPA's in:

- addressing the identified environmental concern
 - achieving the associated environmental benefits.
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B**Purpose**

This notice requests the results of the monitoring and evaluation of each approved CPA.

C**State Office
Action**

Using the format in Exhibit 1, State Offices shall submit the documented, quantifiable, and verifiable results of the monitoring and evaluation, of all approved CRP CPA's, to:

- Director, CEPD, Attention: Beverly Preston
 - be received by COB January 31, 2000.
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Disposal Date

February 1, 2000

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers
and NRCS State Offices

Results of CPA Monitoring and Evaluation

State: _____

CPA Name: _____

CPA Purpose

(Check One): Water Quality [] Air Quality [] Wildlife []

Total Cropland Acres within CPA: _____

Total Cropland Acres Enrolled in CRP within CPA: _____

Total Cropland Acres Enrolled in CRP with EI \geq 8 within CPA: _____

11 Digit HUA Codes within CPA (water quality CPA's only): _____

Counties within CPA: _____

Narrative of monitoring and evaluation methods used for CPA: (Include type and process of monitoring and evaluation completed; baseline data used to measure benefits achieved; person, agency, or group responsible for monitoring and evaluation; and number of monitoring stations within CPA)

Narrative of documented, quantifiable, and **verifiable** results of CPA: (Include results such as amount of reduction of sediment; increase in water quality, including applicable measurements of specific nutrient runoff reduction; decrease in airborne dust and particulate (PM 10); increase in targeted wildlife and associated habitat; impacts on Federal- and State-listed threatened and endangered species; and economic impacts of CPA)